

Remarks

In response to the Communication dated September 9, 2004, applicant herewith amends the claims to correct the error in the claim numbering. In the originally filed claims, it appears that no claim 23 was listed. The subject matter that was meant to be listed as claim 23 was inadvertently placed as step (e) in claim 22 so it appeared that claim 23 did not exist. It is clear that step (e) did not belong in claim 22 because claim 22 is a method claim that lists steps a-d and before the last step of (d), the word "and" is used to indicate that final element in a list of steps. Further, there was a period at the end of step (d), also indicating the end of the claim. Additionally, the portion provided as step (e) began with "An antibody . . . " and this language clearly does not flow with the process claim steps. Accordingly, claim 22 has been amended to remove the portion that was not a step in the process claim and that was suppose to be claim 23. This material is added as new claim 23. Applicant requests that this new claim be numbered as claim 23 to preserve the dependencies in later claims. Further, since there was no claim 23 in the original filing, applicants are not reusing a claim number. This claim addition does not add new matter as the material was clearly filed in the original application and claims.

It is believed the claim 23 belongs in Groups I, II, III and IV.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment for the above referenced application. Applicants also request examination of the application on its merits at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees that may be necessary for consideration of this paper to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Teresa Lavenue", written over a horizontal line.

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